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TO-DAY'S CABLES.

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PARIS CONFERENCE.

DIVIDED OPINIONS AS TO
DIVISION OF GERMAN
COLONIES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.
The "Daily Chronicle's" Paris correspondent reports that at yesterday's colonial discussion, President Wilson advocated the internationalization of the German colonies. He believes that the British Imperial Cabinet meets to-night to consider the reply. He understands the British attitude is liberal, and that throughout the discussion, the principle of supervision by the future council of the League of Nations will not be lost sight of.

The "Daily Mail" adds that Mr. Hughes, General Botha, and two Chinese delegates were invited to join the discussion by the Great Powers regarding this proposal as it touches colonies in which they are interested. The British do not object to Mr. Wilson's plan of internationalization as regards German East Africa, Togoland, or the Cameroons, though the French and Portuguese do not acquiesce.

American opinion in London is that if President Wilson returns to the United States after agreeing to the cession of the Carolines and Marshall Islands to Japan, he will lose all his votes in the middle and far west.

The whole voice of the British Empire at the Conference supports the Australian, New Zealand, and South African claims, and also agrees to the Japanese retention of the Carolines and Marshall Islands and to the equatorial delimitation of its holdings.

The Great Powers propose to settle the matter of the German colonies without reference to the Commissions or to the plenary Conference.

EMPIRE DELEGATES.

LONDON, Jan. 28.
A Paris communique says the British Empire delegation met this afternoon, with Mr. Balfour and Lord Robert Cecil present, as well as those attending yesterday's meeting.

LOWER FREIGHTS.

LONDON, Jan. 28.
Transatlantic freights have been reduced by 62 2/3 per cent.

EARLY TELEGRAMS.

PARIS CONFERENCE.

LABOUR QUESTIONS PROMINENT.

LONDON, January 27th.
A communique from Paris, dated January 27th, states that the Government has invited five prominent Trade Unionists, namely, Mr. Arthur Henderson, Mr. J. H. Thomas, Mr. T. B. Parnell, Mr. E. H. Thompson, and Mr. G. D. H. Cole, to Paris, to consider the proposals on matters affecting conditions of employment from an international aspect.

Consultations between the above and the British representatives on the Commission on International Labour Regulation will take place to-day and to-morrow, and the results of the deliberations will be laid before the Commission.

The delegates met this morning when there was general agreement regarding the main lines to be pursued.

Dominion Labour representatives will be included in the meeting to-morrow.

LONDON, January 27th.
A communique from Paris states that the representatives of the five great Powers this morning defined the programme of work and the constitution of the new Committees for economic and financial questions, also questions of private and maritime law.

During the afternoon they continued to exchange views on the former German Colonies in the Pacific and the Far East. The representatives of the Dominions and China were heard.

GERMANY.

Berlin, January 27th.
A telegram from Berlin, dated January 27th, states that the following are the final amended results of the elections for the German National Assembly: Social Democrats, 106; the Centre Party, 91; the National Liberals, 82; the Independents, 23; and the other Parties, 8.

A Congress of Delegates from Dusseldorf, Leipzig, Essen, Celle, Hannover, Hildesheim, Oldenburg, Cuxhaven and Bremen was held at Brunswick. It was resolved to form a north-west German Federal Republic, controlled by Soviets. The speakers declared that the Federation would separate from the rest of Germany unless the Government of the latter was based on Soviets.

A telegram from Berlin, dated January 27th, states that the elections in Greater Berlin for the Prussian National Assembly passed off quietly; a fewer vote than in the previous Sunday's elections.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail)

POLAND.

PARIS, January 27th.
At to-day's meeting of the representatives of the five great Powers, M. Pichon submitted the drafts of instructions to be given to the proposed Commission for Poland.

U.S. ARMY.

WASHINGTON, January 27th.
General March stated that shipping arrangements had been concluded, by which 30,000 Americans could return monthly.

President Wilson would decide on the size of the American Army of occupation, but America's suggested contribution was ten divisions.

General March favoured a standing army of 800,000. It is not expected that it will ever be reduced below this figure.

FEEDING VIENNA.

VIENNA, January 25th.
The second trainload of food from the British army in Italy left Vienna for free distribution among the poor of Vienna. Arrangements have been completed with Italy for regular consignments of food to Vienna.

IRISH SQUABBLERS.

LONDON, January 26th.
As a result of the breach in the ranks of the Irish Unionists, an alliance with the new Anti-Partition League has been formed. Lord Midleton, the Chairman, said they were determined to maintain the union of Great Britain and Ireland. Sixty prominent Southern Irish Unionists joined the League.

SYKORA-SKLAREVSKI
CONCERT.

MAGNIFICENT RECEPTION.

At last night's concert at the Theatre Royal given by M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora, H. E. the Officer Administering the Government, Hon. Mr. Clad Severn, C.M.G., was present with a party which included Major and Mrs. Wakeman, Hon. Mr. E. H. Sharp, K.C., and Mr. C. A. D. Melbourne. The theatre was full. So many reports as to the artists' ability had preceded them that the audience expected much. They were not disappointed. As the evening went on the audience passed from interest to enthusiasm. Last night's music was a combination of technical mastery and perfect feeling; it was played with consummate skill, and it would be difficult to imagine anything much finer. The playing of Beethoven's St. Sonata Op. 69, for piano and cello (Allegro ma non tanto, Scherzo and Adagio cantabile-Allegro vivace) by M. Sklarevski and M. Sykora which opened the programme was marked by both suppleness and artistic elegance of style. Their interpretation of the work, evinced great refinement, repose and poetic feeling and through it all there was genuine emotional fervour. The whole programme, indeed, provided music of a quality rare to concert platforms. M. Sykora shewed as the true artist in the following group of pieces: Oswald—Andante Affettuoso, Lotti—Aria, Boccherini—Menuet, Piatini—Air Baskys. The distinctive charm of his playing lies in the dulcet fragrance of his tone, commanding and insinuating. His effect on the audience was instantaneous and he was, as was his due, greeted with hearty and prolonged applause.

The two groups of piano pieces played by M. Sklarevski were enjoyable, being piquant, full of the unexpected and shewed him to be a stylist of the piano. He demonstrated last night that he is a piano virtuoso of the first rank. His playing has delicacy, charm and a wide color, gamut. The playing of both artists was so good that it is impossible to compress them into a critical formula. Hongkong has heard many artists, each with a distinctive merit; just as "one star differeth from another", but it is not often that these have been what the were in last night's programme—moments of majesty and splendour and sumptuous climax. It is certain there will be few, if any, empty seats at the concert they are to give next Tuesday. It is not out of place to mention the decoration of the stage; the work of Mr. Sinclair, which was a welcome improvement on the stage "decorations" of previous concerts.

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No. 996—Silk piece goods, Pongees, Straw Braids. Messrs. Nassoit and Lanning of Broadway and 89th Street, New York City, seek Hongkong connections for the sale in the United States of general Chinese produce including silk piece goods, pongees, straw braid, manufactured cotton goods, desiccated eggs, and all similar lines. They invited correspondence.

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No. 998—Dry Colours, Aniline Dyes, Rosin, Paint Materials. The J. M. Roddie Company, Inc., of 524 Washington Street, San Francisco, Cal., seeks Hongkong connections for the sale of dry colors, aniline dyes, rosin, red and white lead, and similar goods and, invites correspondence.

No. 999—Motor Car Accessories. The A. J. Alsdorf Corporation of 53-64 W. Randolph Street, Chicago, Ill., seeks Hongkong connections for the introduction of its line of automobile accessories including tungsten spark plugs and invites correspondence.

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No. 1002—Moving Picture Films. The Columbus Film Company of 220 West 42nd Street, New York City, seeks a Hongkong agent for the introduction of its line of moving picture films and invites correspondence.

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Hongkong, 30th January, 1919.

Our report of the seasholders' meeting at St. John's Cathedral was wrong in stating that the Christmas Day collection was for a Memorial fund for the Diocesan Schools. \$2,125.57 has already been raised for the former.

Lieutenant E. A. Evenden, M.C., R.G.A., joined the garrison yesterday, after over three years continuous active service with the Egyptian Expeditionary Force, his service being with the Hongkong-Singapore R. G. A. Mountain Battery, with which he left Hongkong. He has been in many actions. He was in Jerusalem and other parts of Palestine. Lieut. Evenden received his commission in Hongkong before going to Egypt, and was previously a Master Gunner in the R.G.A., and is, we believe, the first officer to come to the Colony with a honour gained in the present war. Lieut. Evenden, we understand, won his military cross for fine work in an action with the Turks outside Jerusalem.

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for the purpose of receiving the RE-
PORT OF DIRECTORS together with the
Statement of Accounts for the year
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resolution to a second Extraordinary
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J. H. TAGGART,
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The report of the Peninsular and
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states that the work entailed by keeping
and rendering to Government the
accounts of steamers worked on behalf
of the State has been heavy while the
delays in communication with the East
and Australia have made it impossible
to close all voyage accounts. In several
cases estimates have had to be made
owing to the loss of papers by enemy
action, but care has been taken to
calculate the probable results on a
conservative basis. Several unclosed
transactions, extending over some years,
for which provision had been made,
have now been finally adjusted, and
this circumstance, together with the
result of the year's working, has
enabled the directors to add £30,000
to the provident good service fund,
bringing it up to £250,000, and
£50,000 to the contingent fund. In
view of the grave uncertainties of the
future of shipping, the directors feel
confident that the proprietors will con-
cur with them in the policy of building
up the company's reserves.

After making this provision there is
a credit balance on the year's accounts,
including £92,712 brought forward of
£319,427. The directors propose to
deal with this balance as follows:—Five
per cent. dividend on the preferred
stock, £150,000; 12 per cent. dividend
and 6 per cent. bonus on the deferred
stock free of income tax, £575,700; of
which 9 1/2 per cent. on preferred stock
and 6 per cent. on deferred stock was
paid as an interim dividend in May,
leaving £91,737 to be carried for-
ward. The accounts, as submitted,
provide for suitable depreciation on
the ships, investments and prop-
erties; £4,300 of the first and second
debenture stock has been redeemed
during the past twelve months, but the
company retains the power to re-issue
this, if desired.

The whole of the fleet not retained
on Admiralty charter remains under
requisition by the Ministry of Shipping
at high-book rates, the earnings being
for account of the Government. Two
of the company's vessels which were in
the service of the Admiralty as armed
cruisers have been lost by enemy action.
A number of the steamers belonging
to the allied companies have also
been sunk by enemy action during
the year. The agreed value of all these
ships has been recovered and the amount
placed in National War bonds, but
unless the cost of shipbuilding falls very
materially it will be impossible to
replace the vessels which have been lost
for anything like the amount recovered.
The two mail steamers referred to in
the last report, which are named
Nalders and Narkunda, have been taken
over by the Government, under charter
as armed cruisers. No progress has
been made with the large mail steamer
of 16,000 tons, referred to in the last
report, nor has any advance been made
with the work of construction of two
ships of the Ballarat class contracted
for with Messrs. Caird. The mail contract
continues to be worked as a temporary
war measure, on the lines mentioned
in the last report.

NO DECLINE IN VALUES.

In the course of an address before the
Southern Commercial Congress at Bal-
more, Mr. R. S. Cutler, chief of the
Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Com-
merce of the Department of Commerce,
Washington, said:—

We must guard ourselves against
mischiefs of fear in the business world.
At present most of our factories and
storehouses are filled with raw materials
and commodities which the owners may
be tempted to sell at sacrifice prices in
order to restore cash balances wholly
depleted by war taxes and purchase of
liberty bonds. Precipitate action of this
kind, if based on a fear that raw materials
will generally decline in value, will bring
individual and national loss.

The most knowing and deliberate busi-
nessmen realize that the available sup-
ply of basic materials for human use
and consumption is many times less than
the world will need for some years to
come. This is the inevitable result of
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blamed for ill-temper; whereas it is not
their fault. Their health is the cause.
Often the nerves have given way under
the strain of working for the very people
who reproach the sufferers. The tired
wife or mother, the bread-winner whose
anxiety for his family has worried him
until he is thin and ill, are the nerve-
sufferers who become run down.

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need healthy red blood. Every cell on
their "direction" and their nerves are
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necessary, for these pills make new blood,
and tone up the nervous system. By
which method their irritable, thin, and
worn nerves have given away. The
patients become high spirited and full of
energy. Nervous starts and irritability
are gone. Happiness for themselves and
others returns.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, JAN. 30, 1919.

LABOUR.

The "China Mail" has been indirectly criticized for suggesting that there is an element of Bolshevism in the present unrest of Labour at Home. Wait and see. By and by, people are going to get the habit of admitting, without argument, that the "China Mail" is one of the very few papers that know what they talk about. If you see it in the "China Mail".

To begin with, is not the average human parrot who prattles of Bolshevism like the old lady who thought the word "Mesopotamia" was full of blessing? Without trying to learn what it really is, or what encourages it, he mouths the word "Bolshevism" as a curse. The idea that there are ideals behind it, respectable and even religious ideas, never occurs to him. Of this more anon.

The "wave" of Labour unrest now under notice was foreseen by us long ago, and we prophesied an increasing continuance. Just before the big War, Labour was organized for "direct action" that was intended to be effective, and probably would have been. This was postponed, not abandoned, as anyone with access to Labour headquarters during the war could have ascertained.

The real Labour leaders, since the last General Election, are not looking for a satisfactory outcome either from the Government or from the Paris Conference. To the latter, they have sent no delegates. The Labour men taking part are "nominees," men who have played the Parliamentary game, and enjoy the confidence of the politicians. In particular, the real Labour leaders mistrust Mr. Lloyd George. They distrust his brand of State "paternalism." In this particular they are, in so far as Bolshevism, regards the State as a "bolster" for bad conditions for Labour. They (our British Bolsheviks) laugh at the State when it says that they must keep quiet until the State crisis is past, and that industrial peace will secure both the State and the granting of their desires. It has to be

noted that they have not any idea at present of resorting to the sort of forcible measures favoured by the Russians. They have in the general strike what they regard as a surer weapon. The Bolshevik excesses of the pre-war Suffragettes did not earn women the vote. But if they had threatened to strike.

The advice of Mr. Barnes to the workers has been disregarded. Anyone knowing the feeling and temper of the inner Labour movement could have foretold this. Readers who want to realize what is actually going on in the ranks of Labour at the present time must remember that Mr. Barnes is not in it now. He is (so far as the agitators are concerned) a politician.

As for the "old-fashioned Tories" who still, after the world war, keep harping on the old arguments, an awakening awaits them. To them, Socialism sounds much the same as Bolshevism. The International Workers of the World (I.W.W.) are, to them, merely wicked anarchists. Without for a moment suggesting that they are wrong in the view they take of its folly and wickedness, we do wish they would wake up and see that it is real. Labour means business now. Labour is out to win.

"The defect of nationalised production is that it does not act economically. There is a tendency to go easy" (on the part of Labour.) That is not an extract from a pre-war paper. It appeared in print only the other day. It is almost unbelievable, isn't it, after the object lesson of the Munition Works, and of all the other examples of State Socialism that the war gave us?

Reuter has just told us that a Six Hour Day is the newest Labour ideal. From the article already quoted from, we take the following typical argument: "If four men do the work of one only, the nation in which they live will grow poor, while the nation in which each man does a man's work will grow rich." That is the sort of talk that stiffens the neck of Labour. That is the stuff that breeds Bolshevism. If we were asked which nation's labourers most conspicuously do "a man's work," in the sense of carrying as heavy a burden at once as is humanly possible, we would answer off hand that it is China's. Yet is China wealthy? It has to be remembered also that

Labour (and Bolshevism and Socialism) and all those idealistic schools of thought) define "wealth" differently.

"Ill fares the land, to hastening ills a prey,
Where wealth accumulates, and men decay."

Even an ordinary common sense man, free from Utopian dreams, would consider that land most truly wealthy which had a majority of contented people.

From the capitalist point of view, Australia is a terrible object lesson. It was in the mind of the writer from whom we have quoted. We are not at present interested in the debate whether Australian Labour is being wise or otherwise. What we are concerned with is to make it clear that similar ideas are simmering in the ranks of Labour all over the world. Call them Bolshevism, Syndicalism, Trades Unionism, Anarchism, Socialism, it doesn't matter. They belong to one family. They actuate a powerful majority, which is now on the point of using its power. To point out, as a seismologist might, that a disastrous earthquake is due, is not to approve or disapprove of earthquakes.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Today's dollar: 3s. 3-3/16d.

To-day's return of communicable disease is one Chinese case of cerebro-spinal fever.

Lieut. Colonel H. G. Pringle, R.F., A. General Staff Officer at Tientsin, and afterwards with the British Forces at Tsingtau, has received the Military Order of St. Avis, 2nd Class, from the President of the Portuguese Republic.

Canton shipments on Jan. 28 were 504 packages of tobacco leaves for Cairo and 200 of wolfram ore. Yesterday the exports were 1,000 packages of cassia for London, and five of cowhides.

Lieutenant H. T. Woolner, Commissionary of Ordnance, Army Ordnance Department, has just received his commission. At the outbreak of war, Lieut. Woolner was serving with the A.O.C. here as a Q.M. Sergeant.

Major General W. G. A. Bedford, C.B., C.M.G., M.B., has been mentioned for valuable services rendered in connection with the war. General Bedford was the Deputy Director of Medical Services here a year or two before war broke out.

Captain (Acting Lieut.-Colonel) E. C. Lambkin, M.B., R.A.M.C., has been mentioned in despatches by General Sir E. H. H. Allenby, C.M.C. of the Egyptian Expeditionary Force. Lieut.-Colonel Lambkin was serving in Hongkong in pre-war days.

The "London Gazette" announces that The King has given authority to Mr. R. C. Whiting, Asst. Director-General of the Royal Siamese Gendarmerie Dept., to wear the Insignia of the Third Class of the Order of the White Elephant, conferred by the King of Siam for valuable services.

The "London Gazette" announces the appointment to the Royal Victorian Order, Fifth Class, of Archibald Wilson McLean, Esq., Archivist and Accountant of H.M. Embassy, Tokyo.

As a rule, the man who has a use for a good calendar does not greatly care for the pictorial part of it. But when the pictures are as artistic and attractive as those just put out by the Vacuum Oil Company, they are grateful and comforting and earn their place upon the office wall.

Lieut.-Colonel R. B. Airey, C.M.G., D.S.O., A.S.C., formerly of the Tientsin garrison, has relinquished his appointment as Asst. Adjutant and Q.M. General to take up the post of Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport.

The Dockyard Recreation Club held a whist drive in the Naval Yard last night. Mr. A. B. Allan was the M.C. and at the end of the drive presented the prizes to the winners. Those winning prizes were, Ladies: 1st, Mrs. Bower; 2nd, Mrs. Luck; 3rd, Mrs. Collins. Gentlemen: 1st, Petty Officer Leach, R.N.; 2nd, Mr. Wilson; 3rd, Mr. Pile.

Major General N. W. Barnardiston, C.B., M.V.O., commander of the British Forces in North China before the war, and at the siege of Tsingtau, and later Head of the British Military Mission in Portugal, has been conferred upon him the Military Order of St. Avis, 1st Class, by the President of the Portuguese Republic.

CORRESPONDENCE.

QUESTIONS.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail".]

Sir.—On reading the "China Mail" last night, I noticed the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak's questions to be put at the Meeting of the Legislative Council. If the Hon. gentleman represented the people instead of the Chamber of Commerce, in place of his 1st question he would find he was called upon to ask something like the following:—

"Will the Government take immediate steps to secure the return to the Colony of all the members of the Hongkong Police Force now serving with the Forces, and will the Government also consider taking steps to secure the early return of:—

(a) All those who left the Colony to join H. M. Forces,

(b) Those who were called up for service under the General Military Service Ordinance of 1918?"

It would be strange indeed if the above is not much more the public's wish than that expressed by the Hon. Mr. Holyoak.

Enclosing my card, and thanking you for the space in your columns.

Yours, etc.

PRO. BONO PUBLICO.

Hongkong, Jan. 30, 1919.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail".]

Sir.—As I stated in my previous letter I have no desire to enter into a lengthy correspondence at cross purposes.

I am willing to stand by the statements I made in my lecture. These can be substantiated, and I am not at all concerned at their failing to meet with the approval of certain operators and sea going engineers who happened to be present.

Practical wireless signalling is not the last word in radio-telegraphy. It is primarily a commercial enterprise and is yet far from being the scientific undertaking that it might be.

As far as I have referred to possibilities in navigation, I have already given references where those interested will be able to learn what is possible at the present time.

Since it is possible, and has been possible for some time, for one ship to be able to determine course and position of another, then I think such accidents as have occurred recently may be attributed to negligence on the part of Boards of Trades etc. which allow ships to put to sea without being properly fitted.

I am unable to carry this correspondence further.

Yours truly,

A. G. WARREN.

COTTON CHRISTIANS.

There's a funny advertisement in the "Canton Times," inviting support for a new "Christian" Bank. It is established "to be of use to the Church," but has no objection to non-Christian clients. The notice goes on: "We are able to do it for the sake of Christian self-support in our manifold and swift growing work in Kwangtung and for Christian evangelism among the millions of non-Christian Chinese. We want to grow by genuine service. Our first step is to encourage widespread cotton growing in Yungkong and Kwangtung. To eventually be a worth-while Christian influence we feel we have several good opportunities. One is, to be the Cotton Bank as well as the Christian Bank. The Manager will send, on request, samples of the best American cotton which we have had grown here successfully. Each Spring we will sell at lowest expense quantities of the best seeds from America and those produced here, and will buy the cotton produced from a pound to tons. We send free information in Chinese to all who apply. If the missionaries, for the next several years, persist with invincible determination in pressing the Chinese Christian farmers to 'lead the way' each Spring, the Church will get closer to the non-Christian farmers as well, and the benefit to the Church will be both temporal and spiritual. This is how those things work here. Only those who persist will profit. But they will. Your Christian Bank is open. Let everybody have a share in the Deposits of the Bank. Send us your cheque to-day. Help us, and we will help you. Christianity has won out in Christendom. We want to help you help it win out more rapidly in China."

The capital is to be \$50,000 only, with an annual increment of "capital and deposits" of \$100,000. "The China Mail" has heard of "rice Christians." This seems to be another vegetable kind. The American dictionary in the last two sentences suggests where the promoters gathered their business ideas.

CHAMBERLAIN'S TABLETS.

These Tablets are intended especially for disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels. If you are troubled with heartburn, indigestion or constipation they will do you good. For sale by all Chemists and Storekeepers.

UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LD.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the Union Waterboat Company, Ltd., was held in the office of Dodwell and Co., this morning.

The Hon. Mr. Stanley Dodwell presided. He said: "Gentlemen, 'The report and accounts having been in your hands for some time, I propose, with your permission, to take them as read.'

The profit on trading for the year amounts to \$27,645.14, some \$7,000 less than last year, but considering the very large withdrawal of tonnage from the port, both liner and coasting, for the purposes of the war, and the fact that we have not asked our customers to pay more for their water supplies, I do not think the result can be considered as unsatisfactory. Added to the death of shipping in the port, the high cost of coal during the year has caused our General Managers some anxiety, but by exercising economy, so far as it was advisable, in all departments, this critical year has been comparatively easily negotiated.

"You will see that, thanks to the profit of \$9,000 on the sale of No. 5 Waterboat, the last of the old ones, which was fortunately disposed of at the right moment, the amount available for distribution is larger than last year, namely \$51,709.70 as against \$50,403.75 and I trust that you will approve of the allocation recommended."

With regard to the \$9,000 it is recommended should be placed to Special Repairs Account, I would explain that the necessity for this provision is due to the postponement of a certain amount of expiating of the boats on account of the present abnormally high cost of material. All the boats have been well kept up, but a certain amount of replating will be necessary within the next year or so. Your superintendents reports that there is no immediate necessity for the work being carried out, but in the circumstances your General Managers and Consulting Committee consider it essential that provision should be made for repairs which, under normal conditions, might have been carried out this year.

"I am pleased to say that there is no necessity this year to write off anything on account of investments, which stand in your books below their market value. I think Gentlemen that is all the comment that is necessary, and I now beg to propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts as circulated."

The proposal for the adoption of the reports and accounts was seconded by Capt. Clarke, and carried.

The re-election of Mr. C. Bernard Brown as auditor was moved by Mr. Ritchie and seconded by Mr. Anderson.

Mr. Dodwell concluded the meeting by announcing that warrants for dividends were ready for distribution, and thanking the shareholders for their attendance.

THEFT OF RICE FROM STEAMER.

A search made by the Water Police in a rowing boat brought forth 10 sacks of rice worth \$50, which had been stolen from a junk as she was taking delivery of a cargo of rice alongside the S.S. "Yuen-sang." The boat was sailing in the direction of Kennedy Town when she was intercepted by the Police. Two men in the boat, believed to be implicated in the larceny, were put under arrest. A further capture was made when, in consequence of information given by the mistress of the rice junk, a man was arrested ashore. The master of the rowing boat said this man engaged his boat and supervised the transferring of the rice from the rice junk. The Police Sergeant who made the arrest informed Mr. J. R. Wood that every opportunity had been given to the prisoners to find the man aboard the "Yuen-sang" whom they said had hired them to carry the rice ashore. This brought no result.

Mr. R. E. Mattingley, who appeared for the prisoner who was said to have engaged the boat, applied for a remand, as he had not been instructed. This was opposed by the Police Sergeant who said that a remand would involve hardship on other prisoners. His Worship after hearing the evidence of the master of the rowing boat, granted Mr. Mattingley's application, fixing bail at \$750. The other two men were allowed out on sureties of \$200 and \$50 respectively.

The disappearance of beer from America would hardly have recommended the continent to Queen Elizabeth, who started her day with a quart of the strongest. And her contemporary, Mary Queen of Scots, could drink her share. Indeed, one of the difficulties of her secretary when she was being shifted from one castle prison to another, was to ensure an ample supply of beer of adequate strength, for both queens preferred the strongest "doble."

UNION CHURCH.

PRESENTATION TO THE PASTOR.

The annual meeting of seatholders was held last night in the meeting hall of the church. It happened very pleasantly that Mr. Macdonald was celebrating the completion of 25 years in the Ministry, so a presentation was made to him and his good lady of a silver tea-service and tray.

A letter from Major Macdonald, who was to have made the presentation, was read. In it he expressed his great appreciation of the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald and expressed his regrets, at being unable to be present owing to indisposition.

The Chairman, Mr. G. M. Shaw, called upon Mr. A. MacKenzie to perform the function and the latter said he was honoured in being entrusted with discharging what was to him a very pleasant duty indeed. They had known for some little time that Rev. Mr. Macdonald had completed the semi-jubilee of his ministry and the Committee of Management decided that it would be proper to mark the occasion with something tangible as the meeting of seatholders and so they had something which they asked Mr. Macdonald to accept as a token of their appreciation.

Twenty-five years was a long stretch in a man's life and it was a matter for great congratulation that Mr. Macdonald had remained to carry on so well up to the stage he had reached. He wished to convey to him in the name of the seatholders their affectionate congratulations. The gifts which they asked him to accept were in no way the measure of their appreciation of him as a man or as a minister, nor in any way adequate to express their feelings towards him; but they would be a simple memorial to him of an interesting occasion, a stage of his journey accomplished, of a milestone reached. He thought he might say that if Mr. Macdonald were still Minister of the Union Church when he reached his full jubilee they would mark it with pleasure. The inscription on the silver was "Presented to Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald by the seatholders of Union Church, Hongkong on the attainment of his semi-jubilee of his ministry as the ministry, October 1918."

He trusted that Mr. Macdonald would be blessed with health and strength to carry on his work amongst them. By the congregation and the community generally, Mr. Macdonald was a much appreciated man. (Applause.)

Replying Rev. Kirk Macdonald thanked the seatholders for their kindness. Since all of his 25 years had not been spent in Hongkong he had not expected that they would mark the occasion as they had. It marked another occasion, his silver wedding, for he was married just a few weeks before he was ordained (applause)—and if he had been able to achieve anything in the course of his work a very great deal of it was due to the wisdom and unfailing loyalty of the partner of his life. He had during that time received much help and kindness from his Christian fellow workers, and not least here in Hongkong. He assured them that he reciprocated their kindly feelings. He mentioned that the church had also reached an anniversary: it was in its 75th year, 60 years longer in the ministry than he. He thought the occasion should be marked in some way and he had an idea for celebrating it. In conclusion he assured them that he would always treasure their gifts.

In moving the adoption of the report of the Committee of Management and accounts, the Chairman said the financial results were, they would agree, quite good and he thought they had every reason to be satisfied with the way in which the revenue of the church had been maintained. The balance at debit of the previous year's General Working Account had during the year been reduced by about one-third. For 1917 they had what in the history of the Church's accounts was a record year, as regarded General Income, and for the past year the weekly offerings for church purposes were only about \$100 less. If they took, however, all the Sunday Collections (including special collections) they found that some \$1,400 more was contributed in 1918 than in 1917. But 1917 was also over \$1,000 above the previous year's figures. The Pastorate Reserve Fund revived during the year was another gratifying contribution from the seatholders. It made the financial position very much healthier and they could look forward with a certain amount of equanimity to the charges which the Fund was intended to provide for. The report told them that many incomes would be going on leave this year and although they could not forecast what the result would be they could only trust that the revenue would not suffer in consequence. With regard to those going away, Mr. Dodwell said:

might be allowed, he would like to drop a hint to them. He wished to say that a very permanent memorial of their sojourn in Hongkong and their connection with the Union Church, might take the form of a pulpit. He was sure that the new Committee would be very glad to receive such a gift.

The election of officers resulted as follows:—

Secretary.—Mr. E. B. Cubey.
Treasurer.—Mr. C. C. Hickling.
Committee of Management.—Messrs. D. Macdonald, J. Walker, G. M. Shaw, A. MacKenzie, J. Mitchell, J. L. McPherson, F. Mohler, D. McNeillie, P. D. Wilson, A. G. Piesmore, J. Macdonald, J. M. Smyth and A. Stevenson.

Ladies' Committee.—Messdames J. Macdonald, C. C. Hickling, A. MacKenzie, J. L. McPherson, J. Macdonald, J. D. Chapman, S. Baker, J. Stubbings and A. Stevenson.

The report of the Hon. Secretary (Mr. E. B. Cubey) 1918 showed that the excess of income over expenditure amounted to \$708.00, and the total deficiency on current account is now decreased from \$2,141.34 to \$1,435.44. This gain is wholly due to the increased revenue from Seat Rents which is \$1,077 above last year's total. Weekly offerings for Church purposes are \$103.16 less than last year, which is due to additional Sundays' offerings having been given to special charitable objects. The Pastorate Reserve Fund, revived during the current year, has been well supported, and it is hoped will be augmented by further contributions. As the expenses against this fund will be mostly in sterling, the Committee decided to take advantage of the high exchange to place the contributions on fixed deposit in sterling. Owing to the departure from the Colony of some of the seatholders, there are some sittings vacant. Many friends are going on leave and the Committee appeals to them to retain their sittings, whenever possible, so that the Church's income may not be unduly reduced. Though the Pastor's leave is now nearly a year overdue it has been mutually agreed that he will not go on furlough till 1920 unless something unforeseen occurs. In October, Mr. Macdonald attained his semi-jubilee as an ordained minister, and the Committee is confident that the seatholders unite in offering him congratulations and their best wishes for the long continuance of his ministry. The period for which the Deacons were elected expired in October, and on November 15th Messrs. A. MacKenzie, J. L. McPherson, E. B. Cubey, J. Mitchell, C. C. Hickling, A. G. Piesmore, and G. M. Shaw were re-elected, together with Mr. P. D. Wilson, for a term of three years. During the year Messrs. J. M. Smyth and A. Stevenson were elected to fill vacancies on the Committee of Management caused by the resignations of Mr. Walter Brown and Dr. R. M. Gibson.

On return from his holiday the organist gave an organ recital which was much appreciated. Several forewarned alterations and improvements have been effected in the organ, costing \$350, which amount is yet to be paid. On quite a number of Sunday mornings, by reason of the Electric Company's alterations, they have been deprived of the use of the organ, but it is hoped that in the future such occasions will be rare. During the year the condition of the Church property has received attention, and such repairs as were necessary were effected. The main item now ahead is the repair and renovation of the exterior of the Church which requires to be done at an early date. The Ladies' Committee has been ably supported by the Working Party, and a large quantity of war work has been accomplished in addition to holding the usual Jumble Sales, the proceeds of which were sent to the National Orphan Homes of Scotland. The Sunday Schools were well supported at Kennedy Road and Quarry Bay, under the supervision of Messrs. R. Bennet Webb and J. L. McPherson respectively. In connection with the latter school the Committee regrets to record the death of Mr. John Weir, who, after some years' faithful service, had just relinquished the superintendency. The Christian Endeavour Society held its meetings every Friday, which were a source of much helpfulness. The Peak Church services have not been held this year, as it was not found possible to make suitable arrangements. The British and Foreign Bible Society's donations were this year collected by Mrs. H. Griffin, who received \$170 which, with \$62.58 from the Church collection, makes the contributions \$232.58. The New Territories Evangelisation Society has been greatly encouraged by the success of its preachers and teachers under the guidance of the Pastor as President and Rev. H. R. Wells as Supervising Missionary.

CURE THAT COUGH.

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The Directors beg to submit to the Shareholders the Report and Statement of Accounts for the Year ending 31st December, 1918.

After paying running expenses, salaries, premia of insurance, loss in exchange of subsidiary silver \$24,731.46, repairs and all other charges, and after transferring \$50,000 from the Equalization of Dividend Fund, there remains, including \$16,462.87 brought forward from last account, the sum of \$148,693.05 to credit of Profit and Loss Account.

The Directors recommend that a Dividend for the Year of One dollar per share, or \$80,000.00, be paid to Shareholders, \$40,000.00 be applied to writing down book values of steamers and wharves, leaving a balance of \$28,693.05 to be carried forward to new account.

Honourable Mr. R. G. Shewan, Honourable Mr. C. E. Anton resigned their seats on the Board on leaving the Colony and the Honourable Mr. D. Landale and Mr. W. Adamson were nominated by the Directors to fill the vacancies, subject to the confirmation of the Shareholders at this meeting. Mr. W. Adamson resigned his seat at end of the year.

In accordance with the Articles of Association the Honourable Mr. David Landale and Mr. H. W. Looker, retire from the Board by rotation, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

The accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who being eligible offer themselves for re-election as auditors for 1919.

S. H. DODWELL.

Chairman.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1919.

BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31 1918.

LIABILITIES.

Capital, 80,000 Shares

of \$15 each fully paid

up.....\$1,200,000.00

Insurance and Under-

writing Account, as

per last account

\$400,000.00 Amount

as at Dec. 31, 1918,

\$20,000.00.....420,000.00

Depreciation Fund, as

per last account.....150,000.00

Equalization Dividend

Fund, as per last a/c

\$129,000.00 Less

transfer to Profit and

Loss A/c \$50,000.00

Investment Fluctuation

Account, as per last

account \$1,329.69 in-

crease 12 months to

date \$123,724.30.....125,053.99

Special Repairs Fund, as

per last account.....7,737.55

Unclaimed Dividends.....1,173.20

Sundry Creditors.....194,409.82

Profit & Loss Account.....148,693.05

ASSETS.

Steamers "Honom," "Sui

An," "Sui Tai," and

"Taishan" and 8 1/2

"Kinshan," as per

last a/c \$1,255,000.00

Less written off for

1917 30,500.00.....

\$1,224,500.00.....

Less Book value of s.s.

"Taishan," sold 425,

000.00.....\$791,500.00

Lighters "Sunlee" and

"Wolee" as per last

account \$3,000.00.

Less written off for

1917 \$750.00.....

2,250.00.....

Motor-boat "Ping On"

Company's 8 1/2 as

per last account \$1,

437.50. Less written

off for 1917 \$330.71.....

1,106.79.....

Wharves and Moorings

at per last account.....

\$177,169.29. Less

written off for 1917

10,419.29.....166,750.00

Properties at Canton

and Kowloon, as per

last account.....103,021.71

Office Furniture, as per

last account.....1,000.00

Spare Gear and Stores

Interest accrued to date

Marine and Fire Insur-

ance Premia, paid on

account of 1919.....10,878.80

Sundry Debtors.....104,670.84

Shares in Public Com-

panies at market

value as per last

account \$457,079.50.

Shares purchased

during 1918, 259,

208.60. Add apprecia-

tion for 12 months

129,961.90.....848,250.00

Hongkong Government

6% War Loan, as per

last account.....50,000.00

National War Bonds 5%

Repayable 1928

\$20,000 at cost 3/32,

\$376.18. Less

written off to equal

Exchange at

3/4/16, 1,874.48.....

118,701.70.....

British Government

War Savings Certi-

ficates \$355, costing

\$275.26 at 2/12/16,

2,497.61. Less written

off to equal Exchange

at 3/4/16, 861.72.....

1,632.89.....

A BUSINESS MAN'S VIEWS.

The following was written by a Business Man at Home just before the elections. Labour is fully roused. In Russia it has gone mad. In Germany it may likewise go mad; this the next few months will show or they will prove that the saner elements have obtained the upper hand. In this case a republic will be created there which unites the element of the middle classes and of the Socialists and stands out as the most socialistic state in the world. Switzerland and Holland likewise are becoming affected. There too Labour demands fuller recognition. A remarkable incident happened in France this week. The Socialistic Congress of France sent their greetings and congratulations to the German Republic. A large Socialistic meeting in Glasgow did the same. Here Labour is preparing to enter the contest in earnest. You will have read the astounding decision of Lloyd George to dissolve Parliament and have a general election. With this Labour is dissatisfied. The soldiers are still away and cannot vote. The Labour Members have therefore been withdrawn from the Government and their party will fight the other parties. As long as the struggle is confined to Election contests and constitutional enactments at Westminster the upheaval will not be very serious. At any rate not very sudden. But will it be? This depends very largely on the result of the Election and the political wisdom of the new Government. Labour is determined to get what it regards as its just claim. If the Government wants to curb these, there will be great street and Park demonstrations and nearly inevitable conflicts.

"Shall we all who are not pertaining to the world of Labour have to go? Only if Bolshevism, that is to say the mad quinquessence of Socialism, prevails. If the saner elements gain the day they will join hands with the trained organisers of Commerce and Industry and create a new community in which the now called 'lower' class is for the time being better taken care of. Little did Wilhelm of Hohenzollern imagine in 1914 that he would be the unwilling but irresistible agent of his old antagonists the Socialists, in the destination not alone of the military oppression but also perhaps of the capitalistic system of Europe on which our whole civilization and society is based. I recognize the justice of the demands of Socialism in theory, but I do not believe that they can work in justice and I fear therefore greatly what may come. I suppose you will be greatly surprised at my writing so much about Politics, as usually I do not greatly interest myself in these. The reason is that I feel the ground trembling under the feet of us who live in large houses and require servants to be comfortable."

British Government 5% Exchequer Bonds 25,000 as per last account at Exchange 3/1-33,333.33. Less written off to equal Exchange at 3/4/16 3,657.90.....29,675.43

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong. Current Account.....44,709.03

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, London. Current Account \$508,181.11.....\$3,061.15. For amount written off to equal Exchange at 3/4/16 40.50.....3,020.65

W. E. CLARKE, Secretary.

David Landale, Stanley H. Dodwell, Directors.

Herbert W. Looker, J.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 1918.

DEBIT.

To Amount paid for repairs to steamers, lighters and wharves \$82,157.86

To Loss in Exchange of subsidiary silver coinage.....24,781.46

To Directors and Auditors' Fees.....8,800.00

Balance to be appropriated.....

To Dividend of \$1.00 per share \$80,000.00.

Write off book value of steamers and wharves 40,000.00. To be carried forward to New Account 28,693.05.....\$148,693.05

264,432.37.

CREDIT.

By Amount brought forward from last Account.....\$16,462.87

By Net Earnings of Steamers.....67,907.29

By Income from Investments.....49,164.21

By Transfer Fees.....148.00

By Difference between book value and amount realized by sale of s.s. "Taishan".....80,750.00

By Amount transferred from Equalization of Dividend Fund.....50,000.00

\$264,432.37

HONGKONG & KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN
CO. LTD.

The report to be presented on

February 7 says:

The Directors beg to submit to

shareholders their report with a state-

ment of accounts for the year ended

31st December, 1918.

The profit on working was

\$868,048.24 as compared with

\$878,141.63 in 1917.

The net profit for the year after

deducting Directors' and Auditors' fees,

contributing \$5,000 to War

Charities, and paying for repairs is

\$880,085.78. The amount brought

forward from last year is \$275,163.20

making a total of \$1,155,248.98

available for appropriation. The

directors recommend the follow-

ing:—

To pay a dividend of \$6

per share.....\$360,000.00

To pay bonus of \$4 per

share.....240,000.00

To write off Launches.....5,000.00

To write off Lighters.....25,000.00

To write off Machinery

and Plant.....12,125.00

To write off Kowloon

Wharves.....50,000.00

To write off West Point

Wharf.....500.00

To write off Railways

and Rolling Stock.....23,000.00

To transfer to Reserve

Fund.....400,000.00

To carry forward to new

account.....40,528.98

\$1,155,248.98

DIRECTORS.

During the year Mr. A. H. Compton

retired and his place was taken

by Hon. Mr. E. Shellim.

Hon. Mr. E. Shellim resigned later

and his place was taken by Mr. A.

H. Compton.

Messrs. A. O. Lang and E. V. D.

Parr retire according to the Articles

of Association and being eligible offer

themselves for re-election.

AUDITORS.

Messrs. F. Maitland and H. Percy

Smith, F.C.A., have audited the

accounts now presented and offer

themselves for re-election.

DAVID LANDALE, Chairman.

Hongkong, January 23, 1919.

BALANCE SHEET, DEC. 31, 1918.

LIABILITIES.

To Capital, 60,000 fully

paid up shares at

\$50.....\$3,000,000.00

To Reserve Fund.....800,000.00

To Equalization of

Dividend Fund.....150,000.00

To Sundry Creditors.....397,189.60

To Unclaimed Dividends.....3,058.50

To European Em-

ployees' Provident

Fund.....99,002.54

To Balance of Profit

and Loss account:

Brought forward from

1917 \$275,163.20 and

Net Profit for 1918

\$880,085.78.....1,155,248.98

\$5,375,997.60

ASSETS.

By Kowloon Land.....\$1,347,670.88

By Kowloon Buildings

as per last account

\$1,740,095.49. Since

expended \$340,808.54

2,080,904.00

By Wharves at Kow-

loon as per last a/c

\$559,045.42. Less

written off last year

\$49,045.42.....610,000.00

By Railways and Roll-

ing stock at Kowloon

as per last a/c

\$68,000. Less written

off last year

\$11,000.....55,000.00

By Launches as per

last b/c \$45,000.

Less written off last

year \$5,000.....40,000.00

By Lighters as per

last a/c \$114,000.

Less written off last

year \$41,000, making

a total of \$73,000;

Since expended \$9,000

By Machinery and

Plant as per last a/c

\$79,955. Less written

off last year \$30,000,

making a total of

\$49,955; Less sale of

old gear \$2,890.....

47,065.00

By Land and Buildings

at West Point Wharf

as per last a/c

\$4,000. Less written

off last year \$600

By Sundry Debtors.....

294,288.25

By Loans repayable.....

450,000.00

By Government 6 per

cent. Exchequer

Bonds (part of Pro-

vident Fund) at cost

By Straits Settlements

Wrr Loan Bonds

(part of Provident

Fund).....9,976.54

By Hongkong and

South China War

Savings Association

(part of Provident

Fund).....27,007.70

By Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking

Corporation.....8,500.00

By value of Coal on

hand.....12,436.57

By value of Stores on

hand.....13,864.10

QUEEN MARY'S NEEDLE-
WORK GUILD.

TO CONTINUE WORK.

A general meeting of the Queen Mary's Needlework Guild was held at Government House at 11 a.m. yesterday. The purpose of the meeting was to review the work done by the guild during the war, and to decide the future of the organization.

His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government, the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., presided. Beside him on the platform were Lady Sausmarez, Mrs. Stabb, Mrs. Hickling, Mrs. Gurner, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, O. B. E., and Sir Havilland de Sausmarez.

The meeting was opened by H. E. who addressed the gathering. He said that his knowledge of the guild's work was not extensive. In behalf of all those present he expressed regret that Lady May was not with them, and increased regret that she would not return. During her presence in Hongkong she had taken the lead in all good causes for war work

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"NORE"	23rd February	30th March	30th March	8th April
"SOYARA SELLOR"	13th March	17th April	17th April	24th May

SINGAPORE, COLOMBO AND BOMBAY.

S.S.	Leave Hong Kong about	Arrive Bombay about
"DUNERA"	10th February	28th February
"HEVAZ"	17th February	9th March

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S.S.	Leave Hong Kong about	Arrive Shanghai about
"NOYARA"	9th February	Shanghai Moji and Kobe

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BUENOS AIRES, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS, MAURITIUS, DURBAN & CAPE TOWN	Via SINGAPORE.
SUMATRA MARU	Monday, 10th Feb. at Noon.
BOMBAY	Regular fortnightly service via Singapore.
KENON MARU	Tuesday, 4th Feb. at Noon.
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SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Feb. 1, 4 p.m.	
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HAIPHONG	HAIPHONG	Friday, Jan. 31, 8 a.m.	
STRAITS & CALCUTTA	STRAITS	Friday, Jan. 31, 8 a.m.	
SHANGHAI	SHANGHAI	Friday, Feb. 1, Daylight	
SANDAKAN	SANDAKAN	Friday, Feb. 1, 4 p.m.	
MANILA	MANILA	Friday, Feb. 1, 4 p.m.	
SINGAPORE & SAMARANG	SINGAPORE	Friday, Feb. 1, 4 p.m.	
HAIPHONG	HAIPHONG	Friday, Feb. 1, 4 p.m.	

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There was a rather serious accident

early on January 13th, Osaka. Shortly

before 4 a.m., the "Itatsugawa-maru,"

Osaka, the "Itatsugawa-maru," 170

tons, of the Settsu Kisen Kaisha, from

Takamatsu, collided with the "Nampo-

maru," a tug-boat of 40 tons, belonging

to the same company, which was towing

six junks loaded with coal. The tug-

boat sank in only two minutes, all the

crew, numbering eight, being thrown

into the sea. All succeeded in swimming

to the "Itatsugawa-maru," where they

were helped on board. The "Itatsugawa-

maru," however, was also badly

damaged, and leaked considerably. In-

deed, with 42 passengers and a crew of

23 on board, she was for some time in a

very dangerous condition, but fortu-

nately another steamer happened to pass,

and the passengers and crew were

safely transferred. In spite of the serious

character of the accident there were no

casualties whatever. The "Itatsugawa-

maru," waterlogged, was towed up to

the Osaka Ironworks, where she is under

repairs. Particulars of the damage done

are not known, but it is said that neither

vessel is covered by insurance.

U.S. MARINE LAWS.

If our navigation laws and regula-

tions are not revised so as to enable

American shipping to be operated

successfully, our flag will again dis-

appear from the seas as it did in the

years before the war, is the warning

of Mr. Robert Dollar, president of the

Dollar Steamship Companies, says, the

"New York Maritime Register"

of December 11. This condition he

claims will take place unless "use-

less oppressive laws and regula-

tions" are changed. The per-

centage of American goods carried

in American ships gradually dwind-

led from 90 per cent. in the year 1795

to 0.07 per cent. in 1914, and before

the war and before the seamen's bill

"had got in its deadly work" 26.65

per cent. of vessels in the American

trade on the Pacific were Japanese

and 28.10 per cent. were American.

After May 1, 1917, 60 per cent. of

the vessels were Japanese, and 1.94

per cent. American.

This, says Captain Dollar, "is

the effect of the La Follette law."

The wages of the crew is a very

important matter, and as the Ameri-

can cannot be levelled down to the

foreign competition no more than the

foreigner can be raised up to the

American, the American will, as a

consequence, leave the sea unless he

gets about the same wages as he

could get on shore.

"I offer as a solution of this condi-

tion that shipowners hire their crews

at full American wages, but that the

difference between this wage and

what is paid by Japanese competi-

tors be paid by the Government to

shipowners on proper certification by

the Shipping Commissioner of the

amounts so paid." Among the

changes in our laws may be included

that of the measurements of ships,

the yearly inspection of boilers and

engines and hull, and also a modi-

fication of the clause in the seamen's

bill which states that seventy-five

per cent. of the crew in each depart-

ment shall understand any orders

the officers may give. This country

will in the near future be brought

into keen competition on the sea

with other nations who may be de-

pendent upon to reduce their operat-

ing

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber at 12.30 to-day. There were present:—
H.E. the Officer Administering the Government (Mr. CLARKE SEYMOUR, C.M.G.).
H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Troops (Major-General F. VENTURA).
The Colonial Secretary, Hon. Mr. A. G. M. FLETCHER.
The Attorney-General, Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP, K.C., C.R.E.
The Colonial Treasurer, Hon. Mr. C. MCKINNON, O.B.E.
The Director of Public Works, Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G.
The Captain Superintendent of Police, Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE.
Hon. Mr. D. LANDALE.
Hon. Mr. LAU CHU-PAN.
Hon. Mr. HO FOOK.
Hon. Mr. R. G. SHEWAN.
The following members were absent:—
The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, Hon. Mr. E. R. HALLIDAY, O.B.E.
Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.
Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.C.
Hon. Mr. S. H. DODWELL.

NEW MEMBER.

Mr. R. G. Shewan took the Oath and assumed his seat as a Member of the Council.
The Minutes of the last meeting, held on December 30, 1918, were confirmed.
His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government then stated that there was no legislation to be done. The meeting had been called to answer certain questions asked. It had been requested that there be no undue delay in answering them.

His Excellency then read out the following committees which had been appointed for 1919.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Honourable the Colonial Secretary (Chairman).
His Excellency the General Officer Commanding.
The Honourable the Attorney-General.
The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer.
The Honourable the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
The Honourable the Director of Public Works.
The Honourable the Captain Superintendent of Police.
The Honourable Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.
The Honourable Mr. Ho Fook.
The Honourable Mr. R. G. Shewan.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Honourable the Director of Public Works (Chairman).
The Honourable the Colonial Treasurer.
The Honourable Mr. P. H. Holyoak.
The Honourable Mr. Ho Fook.
The Honourable Mr. R. G. Shewan.

STANDING LAW COMMITTEE.

The Honourable the Attorney-General (Chairman).
The Honourable the Secretary for Chinese Affairs.
The Honourable Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.
The Honourable Mr. Lau Chu Pak.
The Honourable Mr. D. Landale.

QUESTIONS ASKED AND ANSWERED.

In the absence of the Hon. Mr. Holyoak, who had given notice of six questions he asked the Government, the questions were read out by the Hon. Mr. Landale. Mr. Holyoak was kept away by a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. Below are the questions with the answers read out by the Hon. the Colonial Secretary.

QUESTION 1.

What steps has the Government taken and what further steps does the Government propose to take to obtain the prompt release from military service of men sent to India under the "General Military Service Ordinance, 1918"?
ANSWER.
On the 17th December a request was preferred to the Military Authorities that steps might be taken to secure the release of the men from Military Service and their return to Colony as early as a date as possible. On the 16th January a telegram was sent to the Viceroy of India stating that the return of the men was urgently required. A reply was received to this telegram on the 22nd January, to the effect that arrangements were already being made for the early return of the men. The General Officer Commanding had in the meantime received a telegram from the War Office, dated the 18th January, to the effect that the men would be returned to Hongkong as soon as possible. They would be demobilised but not discharged.

In the circumstances it seems unnecessary to take further steps.

QUESTION 2.

Will the Government arrange for a supply of pneumatic-tired modern rickshaws for the Colony and state the maximum price in fares it is prepared to allow for a minimum distance?

ANSWER.

In June 1914 the Captain Superintendent of Police arranged with the jirikisha proprietors of Victoria

to put ten pneumatic-tired jirikishas on the streets of Victoria as an experiment. They plied for hire for three months at ordinary rates after which time they were taken off the streets. They were apparently not a success and the proprietors state that after three months' use the tyres were worn out.

The present jirikisha proprietors of Victoria have expressed their willingness to undertake in combination the provision of such new and improved jirikishas as the Government may think desirable. The Government has the matter under consideration, but it is not at present prepared to formulate a new scale of fares.

The Government will be glad to consider any suggestions on the subject that Members of this Council may wish to put forward.

QUESTION 3.

What steps have been taken to carry out the wishes of the Unofficial Members expressed during the "Budget Debate" on the 17th October last, to improve the general condition of the Saiyingsun School?

ANSWER.

No steps have yet been taken because the only effective scheme is to erect a new school on a new site and no suitable site is available at present.

QUESTION 4.

What steps have been taken by the Government to revise the Civil Service salaries and conditions of service?

ANSWER.

A Commission to enquire into the emoluments of the Public Service has recently been appointed. The matter was not dealt with at an earlier date because it was desired to get a seat on the Commission to Mr. Ede, who returned to the Colony on the 23rd January.

QUESTION 5.

Is it not a fact that for some time past, owing to the illness of the P.C.M.O., there has been no practising resident Physician or Surgeon at the Victoria Hospital, Barker Road, and that patients are entirely dependent upon daily visits from another medical officer of the Government, and will the Government state what other duties this Medical Officer has to perform?

ANSWER.

Dr. Johnson went on sick leave on the 14th December. It was at first thought that his absence from duty would be very temporary, but as soon as it was known that he would be absent for some time the services of Captain Macquay, B.A.M.C., were called upon.

From the 14th December to the 24th January Dr. McKenny was in charge of the Victoria Hospital, which he visited once, and nearly always twice, daily. During the same period he was Superintendent, Government Civil Hospital, and visiting Medical Officer to the Tung Wah Hospital. He was Medical Officer to Victoria Gaol from the 14th to the 20th December, and he had charge of one convalescent patient at Kennedy Town Hospital between the same dates.

Captain Macquay has been in charge of the Victoria Hospital since the 10th January. He lives at the Peak Hotel, and it is proposed that he shall go into residence at the hospital as soon as the quarters there are ready by Dr. Johnson, who is about to go on long leave. During the period 14th December-9th January the daily average number of patients in the hospital was seven. Dr. McKenny reports that the patients were in no case in such a condition as to be likely to require immediate medical assistance.

QUESTION 6.

Will the Government state whether there is at present any system for searching passengers and passengers' luggage entering the Colony, whether by boat or train, for arms and ammunition? If not, in view of the numerous outrages and armed thefts which have occurred in this Colony recently, will they take immediate steps to provide for such a search?

ANSWER.

All steamers, river steamers, passenger boats, and launches arriving in the Colony and some trains arriving at Kowloon are searched for arms and ammunition. It is not possible to search more than a certain percentage of arriving passengers without serious inconvenience to the vessel searched and to the public. The greatest ingenuity is shown as regards methods of concealment, arms being upholstered into chairs, ammunition being placed in false bottoms, and so on; and a completely exhaustive search would involve practically the stripping of each passenger and great destruction of property.

Defective scrutinize passengers arriving both by ship and by train for the purpose of picking out known criminals, persons returning from banishment, and suspicious characters.

It must be remembered that the neighbouring province of China has been for some time past in a state of great disorder.

The Council then adjourned sine die.

The Finance Committee then met to consider the Financial Minutes which were—

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LTD.

The result of the year's working, subject to audit, is as follows:—
Gross Profit (after charging depreciation).....£58,729.13.8
Less Depreciation.....6,493.15.0

Brought forward from 1917.....£52,235.18.8
Less Contingent Liability.....£70,000.0.0
Interim Dividend of 7d per share.....£ 9,479.3.4 79,479.3.4

Balance.....£15,023.19.8
The Directors now recommended the payment of a final dividend of 10d per share, amounting to £13,541.13.4 to be payable in April next at exchange of 3s. 4d.—24.8d cents per share leaving £1,482.6.4 to be carried forward.

The shortage of copper coin in Australia is giving rise to some inconvenience. The railways especially are feeling a difficulty in complying with the requirements of ticket purchasers, and indication has been given that they may be compelled to have recourse to postage stamps in giving change.

Mrs. Milroy has sent another draft for £32.13.1 to the "Weekly Dispatch" Tobacco Fund to be distributed amongst the soldiers in hospital, the particular hospital to be left to the discretion of the promoters of the Tobacco Fund. This draft makes the total amount collected, since December 1914, £505.17.7; a large sum and all by a single effort. This is the final draft and the "Little Khaki Bag" is now closed. The L. K. B. with its pipe, a Three Castle cigarette and a replica of a Bryant & May's match box, "All British" embroidered on the front had become quite a feature in Hongkong and every praise is due to Mrs. Milroy for the fine work she has done in order that, when the "L.K.B." will make its reappearance, Mrs. Milroy desires to thank all who have so kindly subscribed and helped her.

CROUP.

EVERY young child is susceptible to croup. Don't wait until the dreadful disease attacks your little one before you prepare for it. It comes in the night when chemists' shops are usually closed, and this alone should be a warning. Get and keep Chamberlain's Cough Remedy at hand. It never fails, acts quickly and is absolutely harmless. For sale by all Chemists and druggists.

The Council to vote a sum of Three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) in aid of the vote Harbour Master's Department. A.—Harbour Office, special expenditure, acquisition and rearrangement of moorings in Victoria Harbour.

The Council to vote a sum of Five hundred and forty dollars (\$540) in aid of the vote Miscellaneous Services, Rent or Underground Telegraph Lines.

The Council to vote a sum of One thousand and seventy dollars (\$1,070) in aid of the vote Medical Department, A.—Staff, Other Charges, Conveyance Allowances to Matrons, Sisters, and Probationers.

The Council to vote a sum of Five hundred dollars (\$500) in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Charitable allowance to Shin Lok-shing, son of Sin Yau-wai, late of the Education Department. (This is to allow Shin Lok-shing to put in 5 terms at the Hongkong University to which place he has won a Canton scholarship.)

The Council to vote a sum of Five hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-four cents (\$536.64) in aid of the vote Charitable Services, Charitable Pension. (This is to go to the widow of the late Sergt. Glendinning, H.K.P., who was murdered at Tai-O.)

The Council to vote a sum of One hundred and two dollars (\$102) in aid of the vote Royal Observatory, Special Expenditure, Typewriter.

The Council to vote a sum of Two thousand two hundred dollars (\$2,200) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon, Miscellaneous, Shelter in Children's Playground.

The Council to vote a sum of Ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) in aid of the vote Public Works, Extraordinary, New Territories, Miscellaneous (47), Miscellaneous Works. (This is to put fences, etc., round the frontier Police Stations. The unrest over the border has made this imperative.)

The minutes were agreed to, and the meeting closed.

NEWS FROM HOME.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

LONDON, November 20: SETTLING DOWN.

When I despatched my last letter, we were awaiting the certainty of peace, with an absence of boisterous display that indicated a certain sense of suspicion. But when the armistice was actually signed, the lid blew off the boiler of London emotions with a vengeance. True, it was not quite so unrestrained as on the famous Makinging night, but lest anyone should assert that London has forgotten how to display its emotions, or that the Englishman is always cold and phlegmatic, I place on record the fact that for a solid week since the armistice was not above celebrating with divers diversions the end of the great conflict, and not a few staff officers joined with civilians and privates in a great ring-a-ring-o'-roses round the fountain in Piccadilly Circus. Never have the restaurants had such a time, and the crates of "empties" carted away at the end of the week from the great restaurant that is within my view as I write, offered a most eloquent tribute to the absorbing qualities of the Great Sahara that had been elated in the excitement of the time.

I will quote but one incident to show how the stiffness and conventionality of the town was broken down. On the Tuesday afternoon I was passing down Queen Victoria Street when I happened upon a trio of officers who had lunched with enjoyment in the City. They were pleasantly-mellow, but by no means over the borderland. Their joy at the termination of their long struggle was attractive in its human quality and they met with the full approval of everybody who came their way. Then, with a sudden desire to give further vent to his feelings, one of them crossed the road, took the nose bag from a horse and, without pausing to think, he proceeded to sniff it. The animal should not have its attention distracted from its remarks, and then shouted in his ear "We've won the war, Old Sport!"

Thus did London resume its reveries. And now we are no longer shading our windows, our street lamps have been cleaned, our bacon is already better and our bread whiter, and we are even so soon beginning to wrangle about home politics and to discuss the relative qualities of this and that exponent of sports and pastimes.

SPORTING OUTLOOK.

The outlook for sport is very bright indeed. The outdoor training of the Army has led almost every soldier to take to sports and they come back full of enthusiasm for one or the other of its forms. The sport most popular at this moment is boxing, though football is also coming rapidly forward again, and golf is also reviving. It evidently will not be long before we are again in a great boom of athletic and sporting enthusiasm.

A very popular announcement has been made that restrictions on racing are to be withdrawn. It is practically certain that we shall have a Derby run at Epsom next season, with the old crowds, and more than the old fervour, for will it not be a Victory Derby?

The King is sure to be there. Already he has sent a message of goodwill to the footballers.

Rugby football perhaps is as good as it can be, for no game is played with a better spirit, and it has been kept well alive by the service teams. But some evils associated with professional football have grown up on the Association side of football and may be in the new period of reconstruction sport also may benefit and some of the evils may be pruned away.

The cricket position is quite secure, especially in its proper quarter—the local playing field. There seems to be a disposition to tinker with exhibition and county matches, with the hope of making them more attractive—an idea that has been intensified by the frequent plaint of those who have been trying to establish baseball here, that cricket as now played is a dull game to the onlooker.

It seems probable that two day experiments will be tried with cricket matches, the play being from two to eight p.m. I do not think baseball will ever be a serious rival of cricket in this country, though some teams have been established under the stimulus of the American and Canadian players were have had in our midst since the war began.

If the newspapers accurately represent the public feeling, the attraction to sport is greater than ever, for within ten days of the signing of an armistice the daily and weekly papers have blossomed out with

pages of notes and reports on the various branches of outdoor and indoor activity.

OUR POPULAR KING.

Nothing could exceed the enthusiasm that is being shown every time the King and the Queen and Prince of Wales appear in public. The most remarkable demonstration of recent years was that of the Silver Badge men—discharged soldiers and sailors—who had a great gathering in Hyde Park on Saturday and were reviewed by the King. The officers withdrew when the review began, in order to make the review a more striking spectacle of democratic loyalty. When the King and Royal Family arrived, the men gave a great shout and before the review finished they had broken all ranks, surrounded the horses of the King and Prince of Wales and the carriages of Queen Mary and Queen Alexandra, cheering with might and main. The king shook hands with hundreds, laughing all the time, and the Prince of Wales, greatly excited, enjoyed it more than anyone.

No other after in the world, I should say, is so safe as King George, who to-day goes unescorted through his capital, talking to his subjects whenever the fancy takes him, as man to man.

The General Election means much more work for His Majesty, for there are ever so many more documents to sign, because the Ministers of the Crown derive their authority from Parliament and technically cease to advise the King when Parliament is dissolved. This is his first experience of the kind, and above all things the King is conscientious in the performance of his duties.

THERE ARE OTHERS.

All this has been attained without the loss of a single ounce of authority. Meanwhile the man, who aspired to world dominion is a hated outcast, his son has to sneak into Holland on a dog drawn cart, and all his associates are in hiding and deposed.

(To be continued.)

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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RAUB.

MANAGER'S REPORT FOR FOUR WEEKS ENDING DECEMBER 28, 1918.

Gentlemen,—I herewith beg to hand you my report on your mining and milling operations for four weeks ending December 28, 1918.

The accompanying sheet of mine measurements and assay returns shows a total of 437 ft. made up of 96 ft. driving, and 341 ft. crosscutting, as against a total of 326 feet for the previous four weeks.

BUKIT KOMAN MINE.
940 ft. Level.—This level has been cleared of water and full work resumed.

840 ft. Level.—The drive north at 230 ft. from shaft has been extended 2 ft., making a total of 16 ft. The level 80 ins. wide assays 2 dwts.
640 ft. Level.—The drive south on the 85 ft. lode has been restarted and taken from 259 ft. to 265 ft. The lode 48 ins. wide gives 1½ dwts. Crosscutting.—For stopes-filling, 92 feet.

STOPES.
Above the 840 ft. level, one stopes, lode 207 ins. wide worth 1½ dwts.
Above the 740 ft. level, two stopes, lode 240 ins. wide worth 4½ dwts.
Above the 640 ft. level, three stopes, lode 184 ins. wide worth 6 dwts.
Above the 540 ft. level, one stopes, lode 204 ins. wide worth 7½ dwts.

ANDERSON MINE.
660 ft. Level.—The main crosscut east has been taken 4 ft., making a total of 26 ft. At the distance of 21 ft. a lode was met which proved to be 36 ins. wide assaying 6 dwts. The crosscut west has been taken from 24 ft. to 31 ft. and is without change.

460 ft. Level.—The north drive has been restarted and driven 3 ft., making a total of 284 ft. The lode 56 ins. wide assays 6 dwts. If labour is sufficient we shall keep on this point for a while.

360 ft. Level.—The north drive has been driven 13 ft., bringing the lode to 837 ft. The lode matter 61 ins. wide assays 1½ dwts.
260 ft. Level.—The north drive has been advanced 6 ft., making a total of 1,456 ft. The lode 60 ins. wide gives 3½ dwts.

160 ft. Level.—To the drive south on the east branch 5 ft. has been added, making a total of 79 ft. The lode 64 ins. wide is worth 2½ dwts. Crosscutting.—For stopes-filling, 135 ft.

STOPES.

Above the 460 ft. level, one stopes, lode 104 ins. wide worth 1 dwts.
lode 96 ins. wide worth 1 dwts.
Above the 360 ft. level, one stopes, lode 75 ins. wide worth 4½ dwts.
Above the 160 ft. level, two stopes, lode 99 ins. wide worth 6 dwts.

DERRICK'S SHAFT.

100 ft. Level.—The main crosscut east has been extended 37 ft., making a total of 338 ft.

The drive north on the 300 ft. lode has been extended 16 ft., making a total of 24 ft. The lode 23 ins. wide gives 4 dwts.
To the south the drive has been advanced 45 ft., making a total of 53 ft. The lode 39 ins. wide assays 8 dwts.

Crosscutting.—For stopes-filling, 66 ft. stopes.
One stopes has been in operation on a lode 22 ins. wide worth 12½ dwts.

GENERAL.
The month has been a very wet one but the pumps have kept the mines dry. The labour position is slowly improving.

Milling sheet for four weeks ending December 28, 1918.
Bukit Koman.—50 stamps ran 23,365 days. Lost time 4,635 days due to shortage of labour, power, and usual causes.
Stone Crushed:—
Bt. Koman1,571 tons.
Anderson1,588
Stope15
Junction165
Derricks302

3,641 tons.

Huntington Mill.—(1) ran 24,083 days. Lost time 3,917 days due to usual causes.
SURFACE ORE TREATED:—
Anderson1,509 tons.
Koman514

Total ore crushed 2,023 tons. in Koman Mills 5,654 tons. Amalgam Retort-Smelted.

Battery ... ozs. ... 2,025 825 816.75
Huntington Mill
No. 2 ... 201 125 123.75
Grit Mill No. 1. 134 52 51.50
Magnettings 81 27 26.89

Total ... 2,441,102.9 1,018.89
Bukit MALACCA.—(2) Huntington Mills ran 252 days. Lost time 2.8 days due to repairs and clean-up.

Surface Ore Crushed:—
Bt. Malacca ... 1,698 tons.
Bt. Koman ... 1,937

3,631 tons.

Amalgam collected 457 ozs. producing 207 ozs. retorted, yielding 2055.3 ozs. smelted.

Average yield per ton, Stamp ... 4.917 dwts.
Average yield per ton, Koman H. Mills ... 1.2234
Average yield per ton, Malacca ... 1.1308

Average yield per ton, Tailings ... 800
Total.—Ore crushed... 9,295 tons.
Amalgam collected ... 2,898,000 ozs.
Smelted gold... 1,224,190

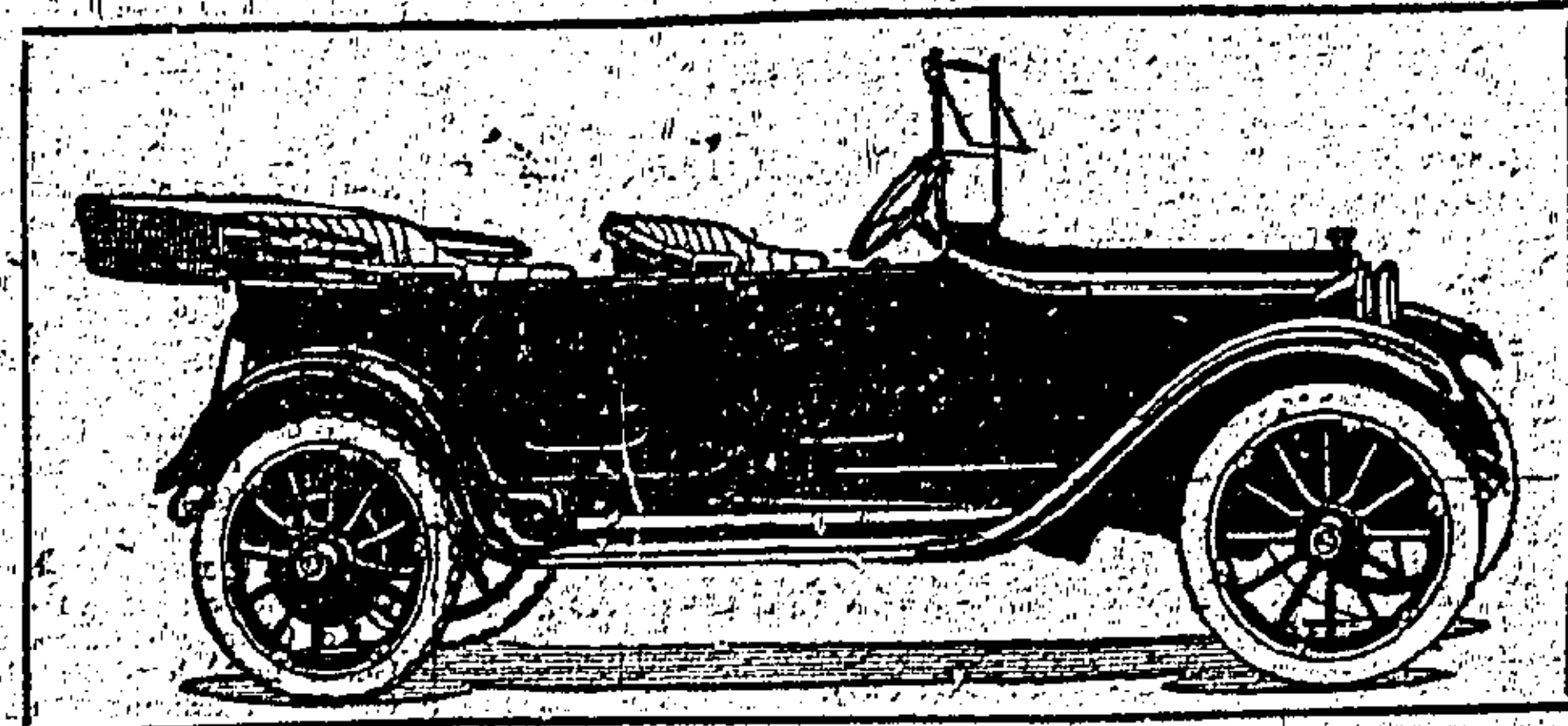
Average yield per ton, per ton ... 2,634 dwts.
Average Fineness of bullion 911.5/1000

W. H. MARTIN, General Manager.

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